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DELAWARE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

OCTOBER 13, 2005 MEETING

AS APPROVED December 8, 2005

The Delaware Board of Dental Examiners held a meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Members present: Thomas W. Mercer, DMD, Professional Member, President
Robert P. Marier, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Kimberly A. Hickman-Bowen, RDH, MA, Professional Member
Robert R. Hoopes, DDS, Professional Member
John M. Kirby, Public Member
Wanda G. Smith, DDS, Professional Member
David S. Williams, DMD, Professional Member
Fay S. Rust, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Debora Mause, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
William H. Daisey, Public Member

Absent: Angela Beranek, Public Member

Also Present: James Collins, Director, Division of Professional Regulations
Melissa Wheatley, Administrative Specialist II
Sherry Hoffman, Deputy Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Hoopes, seconded by Mr. Kirby, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2005 meeting as amended. The motion was passed unanimously.

POST AUDIT FOR ONLINE RENEWALS

The Board discussed the feasibility of doing continuing education audits after the renewal cycle. Mr. Collins informed the Board the many other boards are doing post-audits. After discussion of problems resulting from post audits in the past, the Board decided to do a pre-audit with audit notices being mailed to licensees in January, which will be due back by March 1st. The Board will review audited continuing education logs at the March meeting.

CPR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The board discussed specifying which CPR designations will be accepted. Ms. Hoffman informed the Board that changes can be made to the Rules and Regulations to indicate which CPR designations will be accepted. Dr. Mercer recommended that the Legislative committee meet with the DAG to discuss the required changes to the Rules and Regulations as well as possible legislation to incorporate Anesthesia regulation into the current statute.

ANESTHESIA PERMIT CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations submitted by Dr. Giordano. Dr. Hoopes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marier to accept the language for proposed Rules and Regulation changes. The motion was passed unanimously.

REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE ON THE HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND DENTAL BOARD

Ms. Rust stated that the Board should look at the residential requirement of board members, as well as items on which the Hygiene Committee can vote. Ms. Hoffman stated that legislative policy dictated board member requirements and that any changes to Hygiene Committee duties would require legislative change. Ms. Rust will forward her concerns to the legislative committee for discussion.

DENTAL MALPRACTICE FORMS

Ms. Wheatley notified the Board that Dental Malpractice forms will now be forwarded to the Investigative Unit for review upon receipt.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

The Board voted by majority to accept Dr. Wanda Gardner Smith as Board Secretary and Dr. Robert Marier as Board President.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL BOARD OFFICE

The Board reviewed correspondence from the NERB stating that the Jurisprudence exam, that is a crucial part of the Delaware Dental examination, will no longer be available as of January 1, 2006. Ms. Wheatley will contact NERB to see if the DOR can be ordered and given in December. The Board will discuss the validity of the examination if changes have to be made to the content, with the Board DAG.

DIDER BOARD/TEMPLE UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed a copy of the agreement between the DIDER board and Temple University. The purpose is to bring more dentists into Delaware by offering tuition assistance in exchange for the commitment to practice in the state of Delaware.

ANESTHESIA PERMIT LOCATION LETTERS

Dr. Williams motioned, seconded by Dr. Hoopes, to send letters to all anesthesia permit holders notifying them that additional permits are required for each additional location. The motion was passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

The Board set tentative meeting dates for the 2006 calendar year. Dates for the spring examinations will be May 19th for Hygiene and June 1st and 2nd for Dental. The tentative schedule will be subject to change.

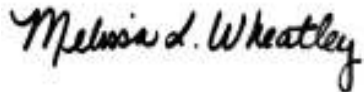
SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING

The Board will hold their next meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room A of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Marier, seconded by Dr. Hoopes, to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa L. Wheatley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa L. Wheatley, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Dental Examiners